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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To the Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Assistant Commissioner:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in response to the Final Office Action dated December 19, 2001, into the record of the above-mentioned case in the Request for Continued Examination. The Examiner is requested to consider the accompanying remarks. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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